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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	3	YES
	Claims	1-2, 4-13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

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The object of the invention according to the applicant is to present a method for navigation on a surface using an optical sensor, where the accuracy is higher and the system is more effective. This is done with a system that includes a optical sensor comprising an image sensor and where images is taken at predicted positions which is identified with coordinates and rotation angles.

D1 outlines a pointing device that produces output signal indicating relative movement between portions of pointer e.g. mouse and adjacent surface, using optical imaging sensor for monitoring movement relative to surface. The pointing device tracks the relative motion between a device and an adjacent surface using an optical detector that responds to changes in images of the surface. The tracking device produces a signal indicating the relative motion of the pointing device as a function of a cross correlation between a reference image and a comparison image, and an auto correlation of the reference image. Only pixel data for the reference image are retained in a memory.

Claims 1 and 13:

The invention as defined in these claims differs from what is known from D1 in that a rotation angle is used in the identification of the predicted position. The effect of this difference is that a system with higher accuracy is achieved.

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The problem to be solved, in order to achieve a system with higher accuracy, is to provide a system with functionality using a rotation angle or the like.

A person skilled in the art facing this problem knows from D1 that several different means can be used to identify the predicted positions and among them, ways that provide the same functionality as a rotation angle.

Thus, a person skilled in the art, having knowledge of D1, aiming to solve the identified problem would with this knowledge modify the system according to D1 in such a way that the identification of the predicted positions would involve a rotation angle or the like, thus arrive at the invention according to claims 1 and 13.

The invention claimed in claims 1 and 13 is thus not considered to involve an inventive step.

Claims 2 and 4-12:

The invention as defined in these claims differs from D1 in obvious details concerning a method for navigation on a surface using an optical sensor according to claims 1 and 13.

More specifically, the additional features described in these claims are either known from prior art documents or generally known in the technical field of optical sensors. The inclusion of such features is regarded as part of the customary praxis the skilled person would consider in accordance with circumstances.

In D1 are also equivalent techniques described and used. From that described in these claims it is considered obvious to a person skilled in the art, with knowledge of D1, to accomplish what is described in these claims, if confronted with these problems. Hence, the invention claimed in claims 2 and 4-12 is not considered to involve an inventive step.

According to the arguments stated above, the invention claimed in claims 1-13 is considered to be industrially applicable and is considered to be novel but claims 1-2 and 4-13 is not considered to involve an inventive step.